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Dear Fellow Members:

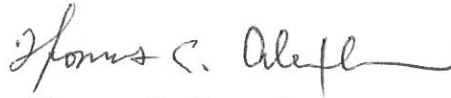
Enclosed is the State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee's Report as to Qualifications of Candidates for Seats 2, 4, and 6 of the Public Service Commission (Commission). The report is designed to provide you information on the candidates qualified and nominated by the Review Committee. The Review Committee is charged with nominating up to three candidates for each seat on the Commission. In accordance with this mandate, the Review Committee thoroughly investigated each candidate with respect to his or her suitability for service on the Commission.

The Review Committee held public hearings on April 23rd and 24th, 2018 to question the candidates. A transcript of the oral examination of the candidates will be available no later than the close of business of Monday, April 30, 2018. An electronic version of the transcript will be emailed to you once the transcript is received, and it will be available for review on the Review Committee's website at:
www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/PublicUtilitiesReviewComm/2018PublicServiceCommissionScreeningInfo.php.

The Review Committee considered the qualifications of each candidate. The Review Committee's finding that a candidate is qualified and nominated means that the candidate satisfies the constitutional and statutory criteria for service on the Commission and the Review Committee's evaluative criteria.

Candidates are prohibited from asking for your commitment until 12:00 noon, Friday, April 27, 2018. Members of the General Assembly are not permitted to issue letters of introduction, announcements of candidacy, or statements detailing a candidate's qualifications on behalf of a candidate, and are not permitted to offer a pledge to vote for a candidate until 12:00 noon on April 27, 2018. If you find a candidate violating the pledging prohibitions or if you have questions about this report, please contact Heather Anderson at (803) 212-6208 or Steve Davidson at (803) 734-3015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas C. Alexander". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Thomas C. Alexander

**PSC REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT AS TO THE QUALIFICATIONS
OF CANDIDATES FOR SEATS 2, 4, AND 6**

INTRODUCTION

Section 58-3-530(1)(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws charges the State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee ("Review Committee") with the duty to nominate candidates for the members of the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission"). The terms for Commission seats 2, 4, and 6 expire on June 30, 2018.

The Review Committee initially opened the application process for these seats in the summer of 2017, with applications due on August 11th, 2017. A total of seven candidates submitted applications by the August 11th deadline. A few weeks later, the screening process was suspended, and two candidates subsequently withdrew their names for consideration. In February 2018, the General Assembly passed S. 955, a joint resolution to re-open the application process for Commission seats 2, 4, and 6. The new application period closed on March 26, 2018, and a total of eighteen candidates had applied.

The Review Committee conducted background investigations of each candidate, including credit, driver's license, and law enforcement checks. It gave a written examination to determine the level of knowledge that each candidate has with respect to substantive public utility issues, ethical constraints applicable to the Commission, and the operations of the Commission. The Review Committee also obtained attendance records at Commission meetings and hearings for the incumbent Commissioner. During the public hearings on April 23rd and 24th, each candidate was questioned and given an opportunity to make statements as to his or her qualifications and desire to serve as a Commissioner.

LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS

Pursuant to Section 58-3-20(A), members of the Commission must have the following qualifications:

- (1) a baccalaureate or more advanced degree; and
- (2) a background of substantial duration and an expertise in at least one of the following areas:
 - (a) energy;
 - (b) telecommunications;
 - (c) consumer protection and advocacy;
 - (d) water and wastewater;
 - (e) finance, economics, and statistics;
 - (f) accounting;
 - (g) engineering; or
 - (h) law.

The Review Committee may find a candidate qualified even though he or she does not have a background of substantial duration and expertise in at least one of the above areas if three-fourths of the Review Committee vote to qualify the candidate.

The Review Committee is also required to consider: “(1) the ability, dedication, compassion, common sense, and integrity of the candidates; and (2) the race and gender of the candidates and other demographic factors to assure nondiscrimination to the greatest extent possible of all segments of the population of the State.” S.C. Code Ann. §58-3-560. The determination of legal qualifications includes a determination of the candidate’s residence in the appropriate Public Service Commission district as established by Section 58-3-20, the candidate’s eligibility for election as determined by Section 58-3-24, and the candidate’s compliance with constitutional provisions limiting election to those persons eligible to be electors of this State.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-3-530, the annual performance review of Commissioners seeking reelection must be made a part of the Commissioner’s record for consideration if the Commissioner seeks reelection. These evaluations are included after the current Commissioner’s summary of qualifications.

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

To determine fitness beyond mere legal qualifications, the Review Committee considered each candidate’s experience, temperament, compliance with and knowledge of legal and ethical constraints on public service, knowledge of Commission operations, demonstrated or potential aptitude for meaningful leadership and/or service at the Commission, and demonstrated integrity, including the handling of personal financial affairs. The Review Committee considered each candidate as a whole in making a determination of qualified and nominated.

Experience

Section 58-3-20 requires that Commissioners have a background of substantial duration and an expertise in energy; telecommunications; consumer protection and advocacy; water and wastewater; finance, economics, and statistics; accounting; engineering; or law. The Review Committee considered not only whether a candidate has succeeded in one of these fields but also whether the candidate has the capability of transferring this success and knowledge to the operations of the Commission. As for incumbent Commissioners, the Review Committee focused on the incumbent Commissioner’s success as a Commissioner and his initiative in gaining experience in a variety of ways, including attendance at public utility seminars and workshops, judicial training, and committee work with national and regional organizations. The Review Committee’s transcript contains each applicant’s background and employment history.

Temperament

The Review Committee sought to determine whether a candidate’s sense of the role he or she is to fill on the Commission is such that his or her work will be productive, proactive, and protective of the interests of all South Carolinians.

Compliance with and Knowledge of Legal and Ethical Constraints

Section 58-3-30 requires that Commissioners adhere to the State Ethics Act and the Judicial Code of Conduct. The Review Committee believes that not only must the candidates be aware of the legal and ethical constraints, they must have conducted and comported themselves with the highest regard for ethics in their actions.

Potential Aptitude for Meaningful Leadership and/or
Service at the Public Service Commission

The Review Committee believes that the Commission should have strong leadership, work toward common goals, have a positive influence on employees, and ensure that parties and persons appearing before the Commission are treated fairly and impartially. The Review Committee therefore sought to gauge each candidate's potential aptitude to serve as a leader and/or as a Commissioner supporting the goals and mission of the agency.

Integrity

Candidates must assure the Review Committee that their word is their bond. The Code of Judicial Conduct requires, among other factors, that Commissioners and candidates handle their finances in a responsible manner. The Review Committee considered the way each candidate has managed his or her financial affairs.

Substantive Knowledge of Commission Operations

The Review Committee believes that every candidate, whether incumbent or non-incumbent, must demonstrate some basic understanding of the role of the Commission and its operations. It would be unfair, however, to require non-incumbents to have accumulated a wealth of knowledge about Commission operations specifically, or regulated utilities generally. Unlike incumbent Commissioners, challengers have not had the benefit of a compensated opportunity to educate themselves in hearings or through conversations with Commission staff. The Review Committee expects incumbents and others who have substantial experience appearing before the Commission to be able to discuss these matters with a greater fluency than those persons who have, to date, committed themselves to other employment. The Review Committee emphasizes that the substantive knowledge findings contained in this report are a measure of a candidate's knowledge at the time of his or her candidacy. The findings are not necessarily indicative of a candidate's ability to subsequently master Commission operations and the multitude of issues relating thereto.

FINDINGS AS TO QUALIFICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS

The Review Committee screened a total of fourteen candidates for Seats 2, 4, and 6 on April 23rd and 24th, 2018. In accordance with Section 58-3-530(1)(a), the Review Committee may nominate up to three candidates per seat to be elected by the General Assembly. The Review Committee found the following candidates qualified and nominated them for election to the South Carolina Public Service Commission:

SEAT 2 Bruce K. Cole
 Elliott F. Elam, Jr.
 John A. McAllister, Jr.

SEAT 4: Thomas J. Ervin
 David R. McCraw
 William “Kevin” Newman

SEAT 6 Florence P. Belser
 Brenda L. Williams
 Justin T. Williams

This report provides a summary of qualifications for the candidates found qualified and nominated, as well as other candidates who were screened and did not withdraw prior to the issuance of this report.

CANDIDATES FOR SEAT 2

BRUCE K. COLE

Review Committee Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Mr. Cole graduated from Harvard College in 1977 with a degree in Economics. He then earned a Master's degree in Accounting from Northeastern University in 1981 and a Master's in Business Administration from Stanford Graduate School of Business in 1985. He obtained a Ph.D. in Plan, Design and Built Environment from Clemson University in 2012.

From 1978-1980, Mr. Cole was employed as an economic analyst for the Abt. Associates, Inc. From 1981-1983, he was an auditor at Peat, Marwick Mitchell & Co.

Mr. Cole was employed with AT&T Communications from 1983-1989: he served as a manager from 1983-1985, a summer intern in 1984, and supervised marketing, finance and operations teams from 1985-1989. In 1989, Mr. Cole founded Subscriber Technologies, Inc. in San Francisco, CA, and served as its President until 1997. From 1990-1993, he worked for ESL/TRW in Sunnyvale, CA where he helped commercialize a variety of wireless technologies. From 1992-1995, he served as a board member of Cable Cooperative, a cooperatively owned cable-TV system, serving Palo Alto and neighboring areas. From 1993-1997, Mr. Cole was employed by William Jackson and Associates in Boston, MA for which he served as audit manager. From 1995-1997, he worked for Pacific Telesis in San Ramone, CA and served as consultant to facilitate acquisition of Pacific Telesis by Southwestern Bell.

Mr. Cole was the chief financial officer of the Boston Public Library from 1997-1999. From 1999-2002, he served as the chief executive consultant for John Hancock Financial Services. In 2002, Mr. Cole founded the Boston Rental Housing Association, and served as its President until 2006.

From 2006 through 2016, Mr. Cole worked at several institutions of higher education as an associate or visiting professor, including Allen University (Associate Professor, 2006-2008, Division of Business Administration; Chair, Professor - 2016); Benedict College (Assistant Professor, School of Business, 2008-2009), Presbyterian College (School of Business - Visiting Assistant Professor, 2009-2010); Southern Wesleyan University (Assistant Professor, School of Business, 2010-2013), and the University of South Carolina (Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Finance, 2013-2015).

Mr. Cole is currently the managing director for Palmetto Realty Advisors, LLC, which he founded in 2007. This company develops real-estate-centric growth strategies for public, private, and government entities and operates a real estate investment fund, commercial brokerage firm and an advisory business.

Mr. Cole founded the Richard T. Greener Institute for Social Policy Research in 2014, and currently serves as its President. This is a 501(c)(3) non-profit established to support policy-makers and communities with research relevant to South Carolina's African-American citizens.

In addition to the entities described above, Mr. Cole is currently listed on the Secretary of State's website as the agent for the following entities: (1) The Aviation Fund (501(c)(3)); (2) Cole Financial Publications, LLC; (3) PRA Tax Certificate 1, LLC; and (4) South Carolina Real Estate Journal, LLC.

Mr. Cole is a member in the following professional organizations: (1) American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; (2) American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association; (3) American Real Estate Society, Director Emeritus; (4) New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants (CPA since 1983); and (5) Urban Land Institute.

Within the past five years, Mr. Cole has been affiliated with the following organizations: (1) U.S. Marine Corps Film Repository (volunteer); (2) Sierra Club (served as Director, Treasurer, and Chair of Environmental Justice Committee); (3) South Carolina Council on Economic Education; (4) More Light Lodge, Prince Hall Masons (Master Mason); (5) Thomas Cooper Society (Trustee); and (6) Richland County Airport Commission.

Test Score: 59

ELLIOTT F. ELAM, JR.

Review Committee Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Mr. Elam graduated from the University of South Carolina, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 1984, as well as a Master's degree in Public Administration and a Juris Doctorate in 1988.

Mr. Elam was employed by the Department of Consumer Affairs from 1987 through 2014, during which he served in various capacities. His employment with the Department began as a law clerk in 1987. In 1990, he was promoted to staff attorney, where he represented utility and insurance ratepayers before the Public Service Commission, the Department of Insurance, Administrative Law Judge Division, the Federal Communications Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and state and federal courts. While a staff attorney, he testified numerous times before committees of the South Carolina General Assembly on utility regulation issues. From 2002 - 2014, he served as the Deputy Consumer Advocate/Consumer Advocate. In this role, he directed the representation of utility and insurance ratepayers before the South Carolina Public Service Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the South Carolina Department of Insurance, and the Administrative Law Court. He also represented consumer appeals before the state's circuit courts, the South Carolina Court of Appeals, and the South Carolina Supreme Court. Mr. Elam has served as the Public Service Commissioner for the Second Congressional District since July 1, 2014.

Mr. Elam is a member of the following professional organizations: (1) South Carolina Bar Association; (2) South Carolina Bar Association's Administrative and Regulatory Law Committee; (3) National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC); (4) NARUC Committee on Telecommunications and Telecommunications Act Modernization Task Force; (5) Federal Communications Commission's Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services; and (6) Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.

Test Score: 81

**State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee
Performance Evaluation**

Elliott F. Elam, Jr.

South Carolina Public Service Commission

Seat: Second Congressional District

Review Period: July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

Commissioner Elam was initially elected to the Public Service Commission on May 28, 2014. During his tenure at the Commission, he has taken advantage of many opportunities to expand his understanding of public utilities issues. Commissioner Elam is a member of NARUC and SEARUC. He is a member of the NARUC Committee on Telecommunications and the NARUC Telecommunications Act (TeAM) Task Force. He was appointed by the Federal Communications Commission to serve on the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications. He is also a member of the South Carolina Bar's Administrative and Regulatory Law Committee.

During the review period, Commissioner Elam attended the following educational programs and events:

- NARUC meetings (summer, annual, and winter);
- NARUC Annual Regulatory Studies Program;
- SEARUC annual meeting;
- Emerging Issues Policy Forum;
- Critical Consumer Issues Forum;
- Various training sessions and workshops, continuing legal education courses, allowable ex parte briefings, and statutorily required sessions on ethics.

Based on surveys of persons appearing before the Commission and Commission employees, Commissioner Elam is courteous to all persons appearing before him, is impartial in his treatment of persons appearing before him, has a positive influence on employee morale, and is respected by attorneys and persons appearing before the Commission. The Review Committee's review revealed no evidence of unethical behavior by Commissioner Elam.

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- NARUC Annual Regulatory Studies Program;
- SEARUC Commissioners Only Summit;
- SEARUC annual meeting;
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JOHN A. McALLISTER, JR.

Review Committee Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Mr. McAllister obtained a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from The Citadel in 1980. He received a certificate for Professional Management Education Certificate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1991 and a certificate for the Program for Senior Managers in Government from Harvard University in 1992.

From 1980-1983, Mr. McAllister was employed as a general manager at Blue Branch Farms Cattle & Real Estate. From 1984-1988, he was employed by The Robinson Humphrey Company, where he served as a financial consultant and advised private corporate clients on investment strategies with a primary focus on electrical utilities, municipal and tax free bonds. From 1988-1989, he worked as a homesite consultant for Cooper Communities, Inc. From 1989-1995, he served as the Southeastern Power Administrator, during which he marketed and sold electric power generated by twenty-three U.S. Army Corps of Engineer Hydroelectric Projects in eleven states. Mr. McAllister has worked in real estate consulting since 1995. He was employed with Valley Properties from 1995-1999 and with Colliers Keenan, Inc from 1999-2001. He is the owner of John McAllister Realty Consulting, LLC, which he established in 2001. In 2006, he provided assistance as a consultant to the City of Abbeville regarding the sale of surplus property on Lake Secession and the sale of Lake Secession Hydroelectric Plant.

Mr. McAllister served in the United States Army, Army Reserve, and South Carolina National Guard from 1980-2005. He attained the rank of lieutenant colonel prior to his retirement and honorable discharge. Mr. McAllister served in the South Carolina Joint Service Detachment from 2016-2017.

Mr. McAllister served on the Citadel Board of Visitors from 1988-1999.

Mr. McAllister maintains real estate licenses as a Broker in Charge for South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, and Virginia. Mr. McAllister is a member of the following professional organizations: (1) South Carolina Association of REALTORS; (2) National Association of REALTORS (Member-Board of Directors); (3) REALTORS Land Institute (2007 - President); (4) REALTORS Land Institute, South Carolina Chapter (2001 - President); (5) REALTORS Land Institute, Georgia Chapter; and (6) National Auctioneers Association.

Within the past five years, Mr. McAllister has been affiliated with the following organizations: (1) Central SC Alliance (Board of Directors); (2) The Citadel Alumni Association; (3) The Citadel Brigadier Club; (4) Association of the United States Army (Fort Jackson Chapter); (5) American Legion (Post 6); (6) Army Engineer Association (Palmetto Chapter); (7) National Rifle Association; (8) South Carolina Historical Society; (9) The Palmetto Club; and (10) Theta Commission (Kappa Alpha Order; Sergeant at Arms).

Test Score: 62

CANDIDATES FOR SEAT 4

THOMAS J. ERVIN

Review Committee Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Mr. Ervin obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Erskine College in 1974, and a Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina in 1977.

Mr. Ervin served as the attorney for Honea Path from 1978-1979. From 1979-1980, he was an Assistant Solicitor with the Anderson County Solicitor's Office. From 1984-1985, he served as a Commissioner on the Industrial Commission (now known as the Worker's Compensation Commission). Mr. Ervin served as a Circuit Court Judge for the 10th Judicial Circuit from 1985 until his retirement in 1998, during which he presided over civil, criminal, and non-jury matters, including appeals from the Public Service Commission. Mr. Ervin has been in private legal practice from 1980-1984 and following his retirement from the judicial branch in 1998.

Mr. Ervin served as a member of the House of Representatives for District 7 from 1980 to 1984. He was a candidate for the South Carolina Court of Appeals in 1995 and the South Carolina Supreme Court in 1996. He ran for Governor as a petition candidate in 2014 but withdrew his candidacy prior to the general election.

Mr. Ervin has served as the President of Foothills Community Foundation and the President/CEO of Foothills United Way. He is a member of Blue Ridge Council Boy Scouts of America, the South Carolina Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. He is also a member of First Baptist Church of Greenville and Habitat for Humanity.

Test Score: 62

DAVID R. McCRAW

Review Committee Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Mr. McCraw graduated from the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and Finance in 1992.

Mr. McCraw served in the U.S. Air Force from 1985-1989, and received an honorable discharge. He was employed at Siemens Energy and Automation from 1989-1992, working in the fabrication of electrical products for residential and commercial applications. Since 1993, he has been working as a financial advisor. This role has involved analyzing, monitoring and forecasting market trends to make recommendations to address clients' financial needs. Mr. McCraw became an independent financial advisor with Ameritas Investments in 2005; prior to 2005, he worked for Raymond James and Associates, PaineWebber, Prudential Securities and Wachovia Securities. Mr. McCraw has been in the hospitality industry since 1999 as the owner of restaurants and bars, such as Palmetto Grill and Taproom. He has owned Brew's Inc., a restaurant and bar equipment holding company, since 2000. From 2013-15, Mr. McCraw owned DRW Roofing. From 2014-2017, he owned Eyedea Brands, a promotional marketing company. In 2017, Mr. McCraw became affiliated with Sirius Realty, which is involved in business brokerage, commercial and residential real estate sales, and franchising.

Mr. McCraw is licensed in: State Securities Law (series 63), Investment Advisor (series 65), General Securities Representative (series 7), South Carolina Insurance (life, accident and health), and South Carolina Real Estate. He has been a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers and the Financial Industry Regulatory Agency since 1993.

Mr. McCraw ran for the South Carolina Senate District 12 in 2016.

Test Score: 65

WILLIAM "KEVIN" NEWMAN

Review Committee Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Mr. Newman obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Administration from the University of South Carolina in 1994.

Mr. Newman was employed as the senior night auditor with the Hilton Resort in Hilton Head from 1995-1996. From 1996-2004, he was employed by AAA Carolinas as a travel consultant. Mr. Newman has been the manager of The Frame House and Gallery since 2004. He has also been employed as a certified pool operator with the Copper Creek Homeowner's Association since 2012 and in 2017, he became the owner of Pool Guy Trainers, for which he is also an instructor.

Mr. Newman has served as an Inman City Council member since 2006, and served as the Mayor Pro-Tempore from 2013-2014. Some of the issues Mr. Newman has addressed while serving as a city council member include: (a) consumer advocacy for his constituents, (b) water and wastewater with Inman's wastewater treatment plant, (c) reviewing engineering and legal documents that come before the Inman City Council, and (d) finance as he and his fellow council members work to adopt a balanced budget, as well as serving on the finance committee.

Within the past five years, Mr. Newman has been involved in the following organizations: (1) Inman First Baptist Church; (2) Inman Downtown Merchants Association; (3) Greater Inman Chamber of Commerce; (4) chairman and event organizer for Music on Mill, as well as Light Up Inman; and (5) event organizer for Inman Ignites Cruise-In.

Mr. Newman previously ran for the Public Service Commission Seat 4 in 2014.

Test Score: 77

DISTRICT 6

FLORENCE P. BELSER

Review Committee Finding: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Ms. Belser obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the College of Charleston in 1983, and a Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina in 1987.

Ms. Belser was a substitute teacher in Clarendon, SC from 1987-1988. She then served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable James “Mac” Morris from 1988-1990. From 1990-1991, she served as an associate with John E. Miles, Esquire. From 1991-1993, she worked as an assistant solicitor for the Third Judicial Circuit. From 1993-2003, she worked as a staff attorney and Deputy General Counsel for the Public Service Commission (PSC), where she represented the PSC at all levels of the judicial system. From 2003-2004, she served as the Executive Assistant for the PSC and assisted the Commissioners in developing positions in cases by reviewing the record and law in the proceeding and in drafting motions concerning those positions. Since 2004, Ms. Belser has served as General Counsel in the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS), where she provides legal advice to the agency, represents the ORS in proceedings before all courts in S.C., and assists in developing ORS’s position in administrative matters.

Ms. Belser is a member of the South Carolina Bar Association. Within the past five years, she has been a member of the following organizations: (1) St. Matthias Anglican Church; (2) American Legion Auxiliary Unit; (3) American Legion Auxiliary Palmetto Girls State (Director); (4) Clarendon Hall Land Trust (Trustee); and (5) College of Charleston Alumni Association (Life Member).

Test Score: 87

JAMES H. CLARKSON

Review Committee Finding: QUALIFIED, BUT NOT NOMINATED

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Mr. Clarkson obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering from Clemson University in 1968 and a Master's degree in Business Administration from West Georgia College in 1984.

Mr. Clarkson worked at Atlanta Gas Light from 1968 to 1978 as a commercial representative, later serving as a division industrial engineer. From 1978 to 1981, he worked at North Georgia Equipment as a sales engineer. From 1981 to 1996, Mr. Clarkson was a corporate energy manager at Southwire Company. During this time, he acquired a Professional Engineer license, and state licenses for electrical contractor and heating and air conditioning contractor. He also became a certified energy manager. From 1996 to 1998, he was a sales representative at El Paso Energy. From 1998 to 2000, Mr. Clarkson worked as Vice President of Energy Services at Service Resources, Inc. (SRI), where he managed the company's energy offerings and services to large multi-state customers. In 2000, Mr. Clarkson became the owner of Resource Supply Chain Management, which handles a wide variety of aspects regarding energy procurement and utilization. Mr. Clarkson and his partners have provided service to approximately 100 customers, and he has intervened in a number of regulatory cases before the Georgia Public Service Commission, including matters related to the Vogtle nuclear units.

Mr. Clarkson served in the US Marine Corp Reserves from 1963-1969 and received an honorable discharge.

Mr. Clarkson has served on the Board of Directors for the Institute for Energy Research and the Board of Directors for the American Energy Alliance. In April of this year, he was appointed by the Department of Energy to serve on its State Energy Advisory Board.

Test Score: 58

GENE GARTMAN, JR.

Review Committee Findings: NOT QUALIFIED, NOT NOMINATED

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Mr. Gartman graduated from Excelsior College in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Liberal Studies.

Mr. Gartman served in the U.S. Army from 1986 through 2006, from which he retired and received an honorable discharge. In 2007, Mr. Gartman was employed with All Medical Personnel, a healthcare staffing agency in Florida. Later in 2007, Mr. Gartman moved to South Carolina and started a health care staffing agency, GCG Staffing, Inc., which operated until December 31, 2010. In 2012, Mr. Gartman was employed with the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce as a disabled veterans outreach coordinator. In 2014, Mr. Gartman left DEW to accept employment with the Social Security Administration as a Service Representative where he remained employed through 2016. In 2017, Mr. Gartman began working for Dalton and Dalton Enterprise, Units of Dalton House for veterans and non-veterans where he remains employed as a marketing and outreach coordinator. Mr. Gartman also founded the Help U Project, an Orangeburg non-profit organization providing assistance to “burn out” victims. Additionally, in 2017, Mr. Gartman was a candidate for City and County Council in Orangeburg and is currently a candidate for the S.C. State Board of Trustees and the South Carolina House of Representatives, District 95.

Test Score: 39

BRENDA L. WILLIAMS

Review Committee Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Ms. Williams obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from South Carolina State University in 1974. She obtained a Master's degree in Hospital Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1976.

Ms. Williams served as the assistant director at Palmetto Low County Health Systems from 1976-1979. Thereafter, from 1979-2017, she worked at the Regional Medical Center, beginning as an administrative assistant, then assistant administrator, and finally as the Vice-President. As Vice-President, Ms. Williams was responsible for planning, the engineering department, and the construction and project management for the medical center and outlying facilities. These responsibilities required the following elements: budget, finance, economic analysis, and statistical analysis. She was also responsible for clinical and non-clinical departments, as well as balancing the department budget. The medical center board appointed Ms. Williams as the compliance officer to ensure uniform adherence to local, state, and federal rules and regulations.

Ms. Williams is a member of the following professional organizations: (1) Carolina Society for Planning and Marketing (President); (2) S.C. Hospital Association; (3) American Hospital Association; (4) Fellow in American College of Healthcare Executives; (5) S.C. Healthcare Financial Management Association; and (6) Cultural Diversity Leadership.

Within the past five years, Ms. Williams has been a member of the following organizations: (1) Holy Trinity Catholic Church; (2) Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; (3) Orangeburg/Calhoun Area Free Clinic (Board Member); (4) Tri-County Health Network (Chairperson); (5) Regional Education Economic CDC (Chairperson); (6) OCAB Community Action Agency (Board Member); and (7) As You Like It Bridge Club.

Test Score: 61

JUSTIN T. WILLIAMS

Review Committee Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Mr. Williams attended the University of South Carolina and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations in 2006 and a Juris Doctorate in 2010. In 2015, he completed the Judge Advocate Officer's Basic Course.

Mr. Williams worked for the Fifth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office from 2011-2013 and then again from 2015-2016. From 2013-2015, he was an associate at Wilson Jones Carter & Baxley, P.A. where he specialized in worker's compensation litigation. Mr. Williams has been employed by the Moore Taylor Law Firm since 2017, where he represents plaintiffs in general litigation cases, such as personal injury, medical malpractice, contract disputes, consumer protection, landlord/tenant and employment discrimination. Mr. Williams is also a Judge Advocate in the United States Army Reserve, with the rank of Captain; his service began in 2014.

Mr. Williams is a member of the following professional organizations: (1) South Carolina Bar Association; (2) South Carolina Bar Young Lawyers Division, and serves as the Vice-Chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee; and (3) South Carolina Black Lawyers Association.

Within the past five years, Mr. Williams has been a member of the following organizations: (1) Downtown Church; (2) Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; (3) My Carolina Alumni Association (Life member); and (4) My Carolina Black Alumni Council.

Test Score: 88